

“Career Skills for Scientists” – Lunch time discussions

Assignment #1

Think about what kind of career you want and what questions you feel you need answered to figure out how to get from where you are now (here) to where you want to be.

- A)** Where are you now? Undergrad/Grad/Postdoc?
How many years till you graduate and/or want to move to your next position?
- B)** What career do you want? Where do you want to be at age 35?
If you are not sure, think about what kinds of things you want to be doing day-to-day in your career? Wearing a lab coat? Talking with people? Thinking about what?
- A → B** What things do you need to learn about to get from A to B?
Make a list and try and put these in somewhat the order you want to learn them in.

Possible examples include:

- Details about different types of careers available?
- How to make contacts and network?
- How to write a resume, CV, and/or faculty application package?
- What to expect in a job interview?

During our next discussion, I would like us to share these amongst each other and decide the list of things we want to learn about first and make a plan for the rest of the summer. These discussions will be the most useful if we tailor the topics around the things you want to learn.